

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DROUGHT AFFECTED STATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that several districts of Rajasthan and Orissa have been hit by severe drought during the current year particularly after May, 2005;
- (b) if so, the names of the districts and the losses incurred as a result thereof; and
- (c) the assistance provided to the States to tackle the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): No fresh drought has been reported from Rajasthan and Orissa since May 2005. Rajasthan, however, continued to suffer drought in the wake of deficient rains during South West Monsoon 2004. The following assistance was extended to Rajasthan after July, 2004.

Assistance from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) Rs.216.79 crores Rs.156.71 crores #
(July, 2004 to March, 2005) (April, 2005 to July, 2005)

Foodgrains for relief employment 6.99 lakh MTs 5.00 lakh MTs
(July, 2004 to March, 2005) (April, 2005 to July, 2005)

subject to adjustment of available balances in Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) of the State.